Amendments to the Claims

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:

a) attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by a checkout device;

b) if no item identification information is received from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and

c) if item identification information is received from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) comprises the step of:

b-1) activating a bad read light indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) comprises the step of:

b-1) activating a bad read tone indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c-1) activating a good read light indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c-1) activating a good read tone indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

14. (Previously presented) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:

a) receiving an indication that the item has passed over by a checkout device;

b) attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by the checkout device;

c) if no item identification information is received from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and

d) if item identification information is received from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

15. (Previously presented) A system for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising:

a barcode reader;

a radio frequency identification label reader;

a good read indicator;

a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label on an item with the barcode reader and the radio frequency identification label reader,

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label, and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label.

16. (Previously presented) A checkout device comprising:

a barcode reader;

a radio frequency identification label reader;

a good read indicator;

a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for causing the barcode reader to generate a scan pattern for reading a barcode label and the radio frequency identification label reader to generate a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label, and for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item,

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from both the scan pattern and the sensing field, and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from both the scan pattern and the sensing field.